

#### **§ 1000.43**

may incur, depend upon the availability of funds appropriated by Congress. Notice of availability of grants will be published in the FEDERAL REGISTER as described in § 1000.45.

#### **§ 1000.43 May a Tribe/Consortium use its own resources to meet its self-governance planning and negotiation expenses?**

Yes, a Tribe/Consortium may use its own resources to meet these costs. Receiving a grant is not necessary to meet the planning phase requirement of the Act or to negotiate a compact and an AFA.

#### **§ 1000.44 What happens if there are insufficient funds to meet the Tribal requests for planning/negotiation grants in any given year?**

If appropriated funds are available but insufficient to meet the total requests from Tribes/Consortia:

(a) First priority will be given to Tribes/Consortia that have been selected from the applicant pool to negotiate an AFA; and

(b) Second priority will be given to Tribes/Consortia that require advance funds to meet the planning requirement for entry into the self-governance program.

#### **§ 1000.45 How many grants will the Department make each year and what funding will be available?**

The number and size of grants awarded each year will depend on Congressional appropriations and Tribal interest. By no later than January 1 of each year, the Director will publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER that provides relevant details about the application process, including the funds available, timeframes, and requirements for negotiation grants, advance planning grants, and financial assistance as described in subpart D of this part.

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### **§ 1000.46 Which Tribes/Consortia may be selected to receive a negotiation grant?**

Any Tribe/Consortium that has been accepted into the applicant pool and has been accepted to negotiate a self-governance AFA may apply for a negotiation grant. By March 15 of each

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year, the Director will publish a list of additional Tribes/Consortia that have been selected for negotiation along with information on how to apply for negotiation grants.

#### **§ 1000.47 What must a Tribe/Consortium do to receive a negotiation grant?**

If funds are available, a grant will be awarded to help cover the costs of preparing for and negotiating a compact and an AFA. These grants are not competitive. To receive a negotiation grant, a Tribe/Consortium must:

(a) Be selected from the applicant pool to negotiate an AFA;

(b) Be qualified as eligible to receive a negotiation grant in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice discussed in § 1000.45;

(c) Not have received a negotiation grant within the 3 years preceding the date of the latest FEDERAL REGISTER announcement;

(d) Submit a letter affirming its readiness to negotiate; and

(e) Formally request a negotiation grant to prepare for and negotiate an AFA.

#### **§ 1000.48 What must a Tribe do if it does not wish to receive a negotiation grant?**

A selected Tribe/Consortium may elect to negotiate without applying for a negotiation grant. In such a case, the Tribe/Consortium should notify OSG in writing so that funds can be reallocated for other grants.

#### **ADVANCE PLANNING GRANT FUNDING**

#### **§ 1000.49 Who can apply for an advance planning grant?**

Any Tribe/Consortium that is not a self-governance Tribe and needs advance funding to complete the planning phase requirement may apply. Tribes/Consortia that have received a planning grant within 3 years preceding the date of the latest FEDERAL REGISTER announcement are not eligible.

#### **§ 1000.50 What must a Tribe/Consortium seeking a planning grant submit in order to meet the planning phase requirements?**

A Tribe/Consortium must submit the following material: